

# Frontier and Energy Basin Baptist Association's Newsletter

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## Director of Missions Thoughts:

Welcome Dean Switzer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wamsutter, (picture top left) He and His wife Susan are from Osage, Oklahoma.



The Associational Prayer Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church in Laramie (Bottom left picture) had about 25-30 people in attendance. Guy Thomas, Evangelism Strategist from the WSBC, was the main speaker. Also visiting from the State office was Bud and Pat Seymour, Bud is the WSBC Prayer Coordinator and Pat is the MSC/ Missions Coordinator. The meeting started with a short documentary on the Third Great Awakening in 1857 and a message from Guy Thomas. Then the meeting quickly moved on into prayer. The most moving part of the meeting for me was when we started listing first names of lost people that we wanted to see saved. There were so many names! It still is fresh on my heart. I can hardly wait for our next meeting, hopefully we will have reports of some of those mentioned that night trusting Christ as their Savior. David Grace the Associational Prayer Strategist led the meeting and reminded us of FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER CHAIN



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**FBA Mission Banquet February 4th, 6:30 PM, at Memorial Baptists Church, Wheatland**  
**Mike Simmons, pastor from Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hillsdale, Texas, will be our guest speaker. Hear reports from our Church Planters and BCM Directors! (Your church will be contacted to bring either a desert, salad, or beans to go along with barbeque provided by Frontier Association)**

As Christ began building His church through His Spirit-filled disciples, we see eleven traits listed in Luke's account from Acts 2:4-47 and 4:32-37. These are the symptoms of a healthy church that he lists:

1. **Constant additions by salvation**
2. **Devoted to teaching**
3. **Devoted to fellowship from house to house**
4. **Devoted to communion**
5. **Devoted to prayer**
6. **Filled with fear and wonder**
7. **Sharing together financially to meet needs**
8. **Devoted to meeting together in the temple complex**
9. **Gladness and simplicity of heart**
10. **Praising God**
11. **Favor with all the people**

Let's look at the first of them briefly, within our context, and with a charge from God's Word.

### **Constant additions by salvation**

Laramie Valley Chapel led the Frontier Baptist Association in 2010 with 30 baptisms. That is a sign of health that should encourage us all!

Acts 2:36-41 gives the account of Peter basically responding to the question, "What do we do now?" with, "Reject what you are doing and embrace what Jesus is doing!" That led to 3000 people being saved. Consider this story:

"We've tried to focus on getting outside the four walls of the church," said the Rev. Steve Freeman, pastor of Grace Baptist about 30 miles north of Nashville. "We're taking the Gospel to where the people are." The church had gone 12 months without a pastor. Sunday morning attendance hovered around 120. And, in 2008, the Southern Baptist congregation baptized only three people. That changed last year when a new pastor and a new approach to ministry led to 53 baptisms and 200 new people showing up on Sundays. Will you and your church reject what you are doing and embrace what Jesus is doing? Will you see constant additions to your fellowship by salvation? May God bless in such a wonderful way!

Sincerely,

Max Janzen, Frontier Association Church Health Strategist  
**(ASSOCIATION CHURCH HEALTH TRAINING WILL BE MARCH 19TH, 10 AM, AT SUNNYSIDE, CHEYENNE)**

## Frontier/Energy Basin Baptist Association's Week of Prayer January 30, 2011 – February 5

Day 1 Pray for Zach and Amber Edwards, Church Planters in Cheyenne. Currently they have about 20 people attending their initial Bible Study. Zach has challenged the group to have a Daily Bible Reading Plan and is praying that God would rise up leaders from within this group so they can multiply their number of Bible studies.

Day 2 Pray for Marty and Nancy Rostad, Church Planters in Torrington. Marty mentioned that they had 30 people come to their candle light service over the Christmas holiday and that they have two different Bibles Studies going on.

Day 3 Pray for our BCM Directors. Aaron Bell is working on the Laramie County Community College and has started Why Card Evangelism. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and that the seeds sown would soon be harvested. David Martin is working on the University of Wyoming campus. Please pray that God would rise up College Leaders to help in this ministry and that they would have an impact on the International community.

Day 4 Pray for the Mission teams coming up to help in Wyoming. Some of the teams will be doing VBS, others will help with building projects, still others with Frontier Day Ministries. Pray for their safety, that God would bless their efforts in a mighty way, and that they will have a great Wyoming experience.

Day 5 Pray for our Church Pastor's and their Families. New pastor's especially like Jonathan Moore in Saratoga, Dean Edwards in Wamsutter, and Sam Frost in Cheyenne as they adjust into their new ministries.

Day 6 Pray for outreach ministries. Many of our areas are showing signs of growth due to the Oil Field Industry and related fields. Pray for ways we can reach out to all.

Pray 7 Pray for the Director of Missions and all association volunteers.

### Save the Dates

#### Energy Basin 2011 Calendar

April 26th Semi-Annual Meeting  
September 29th Annual Meeting  
Mission Banquet and Association Pic-Nic TBA

#### Frontier 2011 Calendar

February 4 Mission Banquet  
March 19th Church Health Event  
April 25th Semi-Annual Meeting  
September 1 Prayer Event  
September 26th Annual Meeting

*Visionaries are people who see things as they could be and work to turn the vision into realities. Dreamers are people who see things as they wish they were but are not willing to make the effort to change them. As you have undoubtedly already discovered, there are more dreamers than visionaries.*

(quote from: "Seven Steps to Becoming a Healthy Christian Leader")

Don't Forget State Evangelism Conference  
January 24 –25